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Dallas Buyers Club

by jane *in* Uncategorized

Today was a day off from my "medical world".

My good friend in Salt Lake City told me about a movie called the *Dallas Buyers Club* so we went to see it this afternoon. It really hit home. It was a true story about Ron Woodroof who tested HIV positive in 1985 and was being given the drug, AZT, in a clinical trial. At that time AZT was being made by a 'big pharma' company called Avonex….could they be affiliated with the company that currently makes the MS drug, Avonex?

The AZT drug that Woodroof and many others were taking was actually doing more harm than good so Woodroof began seeking alternative treatments. He found an alternative but the FDA would not approve it. Sounds very familiar!!! I have taken drugs for MS from four (4) different pharmaceutical companies. One of them was Avonex. The side effects of all the MS drugs I have taken far outweighed any benefits.

As you can read in the 'About Me, section, I stopped all MS drugs and went to a clinic in Mexico. Then I found a successful procedure called HSCT. This procedure is done in many countries around the world. I was ready to go to Moscow but, fortunately, the doctor in Chicago (the only place in the U.S. doing this procedure in a trial) accepted me as a patient on a compassionate basis, off-study. I am now in the final phase of the procedure and hope that someday very soon the FDA will finally approve it in this country.

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Carole Pederson

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Dec 03, 2013 @21:15:42

I saw The Dallas Buyer's Club and didn't think about your experience at the time but definitely see the connection. It was a good movie and reminded me of the early days of AIDS and all the ignorance and prejudice. I am so glad you are getting this treatment and I know it will continue to go well for you. Love to you both.□□

Jane Marquardt

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Dec 04, 2013 @ 04:50:03

Hey Jane – Good luck with today's adventures in HSCT world. That movie also showed how much strength people get from others in the same situation. Glad you guys met some of your fellow Chosen Ones! XO

Jayne

REPLY

Dec 04, 2013 @ 15:40:23

Not settling for the usual has big benefits for you in your future. So nice to be smart, eh?? 😊

Jane Glasson

REPLY

Dec 04, 2013 @ 21:14:15

Thanks for sharing, Jane!

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REPLY

Feb 13, 2014 @ 10:56:58

Jane

I just saw the movie Dallas Buyers Club as well, i have MS since 2009, and have been taking Avonex ever since… My question to you is, do i need to look into this further? is Avonex not a good drug for me? do i need to look into this more? i have not had any real bad systoms, just one day a week of side effects, i eat healthy and Cross Fit 3 to 4 times a day, just want to know the truth about AVENOX. my email, sales@oceantec-usa.com

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